

# CCF

# UPDATE

JULY 1987

## \$3000 RECORD GRANT TO GAY/LESBIAN CABLE NETWORK BY FOUNDATION

(CCF) The single largest grant ever given by the Foundation was awarded on June 14th to the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Network by the Foundation Board.

The Grant will allow "Tri-Cable Tonight" to hit the "Cablewaves" in Fall of '87 as a regular Monthly program for Milwaukee. The program will be a half-hour long and air on a

set day and time each month.

"We believe so deeply in this effort", said Don Schwamb, President of the Cream City Foundation, "That we wanted to assure continued long-range financing so that not one, but a full series of monthly programs can and will be developed."

The \$3,000 will allow at least six programs to be aired. Other funds will be raised by the Foundation in the meantime to assure continued development of the program. The goal will be to establish it as a permanent showcase of Gay and Lesbian culture and activity.

It is expected the program will be an out-reach to the closeted community, the straight community, as well to those of us who are "Out and About".

The programs will be produced by the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Network.  
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## OVER \$3000 IN GRANTS GIVEN AT CASINO NIGHT

Seven groups received over \$3500 in grants as a result of Casino Night '87. Besides checks to SSBL and Legal Defense Fund of the Legal Aid Society, who were each benefactors of 35% of the proceeds, several AIDS groups and the UWM Gay and Lesbian Community also were presented with checks by the Cream City Foundation.

SSBL used its funds to retire a major portion of its debt from the World Series, which hosted the best teams from around the country. That event alone did more to enhance our Community's reputation than almost any other activity.

The Legal Defense Fund of the Legal Aid Society will use its share of  
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## GRAND PRIZE WINNER — CASINO '87

Joseph Zanoni won the grand prize drawing at the Casino Night. The Prize was a top-of-the-line Compact Disc Player with six disc capacity, digital sound, and literally every feature now available.

We are pleased that Joe, won because he sent a letter with his check saying, that while it would be impossible for him to attend, he wanted to be sure to support our cause. Thanks, Congratulations and happy listening, Joe!

## CCF MISSION STATEMENT

### Building Community

The purpose of CCF is to build a stronger and healthier Gay and Lesbian Community throughout Wisconsin.

It is the Foundation's Mission to help expand cultural, educational, healthcare and legal resources for Gays and Lesbian people.

To accomplish this purpose the Foundation promotes communication between existing organizations, encourages necessary new organizations to form, and raises funds to provide financial support for Gay and Lesbian organizations—providing resources to our Community when such funds are not available from our General Society.

Furthermore, the Foundation raises funds to invest in the CCF Endowment to ensure that fiscal resources are available to maintain services in the future.

## Anti-Discrimination . . .

### A new symbol for the community.

Wisconsin's unique Gay Rights Law is coming under attack.

Our rights to equal employment, housing, and other opportunities must be protected.

**Fight Gay Discrimination by sending a contribution to:**

**CREAM CITY FOUNDATION**  
P.O. BOX 204, MILWAUKEE, WI 53201

## CABLE ACCESS NOTES

...Executive Producers for the monthly programs now being funded by the Foundation are Mark Behar and Bryce Clark. Mike Lisowski completes the Production Management team. Some twelve new persons are being trained in cable production skills to assist in future programming.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop talks about Aids with Milwaukee News Media.

Hard hitting questions by Terry Baughner and Mark Behar as well as "straight" media personalities will be broadcast on Milwaukee Cable access TV (cable channel, at:)

Wednesday, August 12 at 8pm  
Thursday, September 10 at 6pm



## CASINO '87 WOW!!!

What a night, and a magnificent setting—the Grain Exchange Room. Deep green felt tables against gold leaf and marble. More “black ties” than anyone expected circulated among the cries of the croupiers. The sound of chips and the clack of the roulette wheels with soft music in the background formed pleasurable intonations on the ears.

What an evening for a first time event! We thank everyone who donated and/or participated. The Foundation, with your help, has established a new major event for the community.

Plans are already ready for next year. We have adjusted its timing, attained some super prizes and reprogramed the event based on our experience with this first time effort. No one will want to miss Casino '88!

We are very proud of the final accounting results too! A total of almost \$5000 was raised for the event with expenses of just over \$2900. In all a total of \$2100 profit was made. Those funds were split between the 3 recipient agencies. “Next year’s expenses will run about the same with the number of tables being able to handle much more than this year’s turnout, and we hope to dramatically increase the net proceeds in that way”, said Bob Melig Chairman.

Co-chairmen for 1988 will be Chuck Brotz and Julia Kleppin.

“Come up a winner at Casino '88”. They are already shouting!



## BOOP — BOOP — BEE DON'T!!!

*That is...Don't forget to write that check you've been meaning to send! We're counting on you to help defeat the Rawhide Amendment. Send your tax-deductible donation to:  
Cream City Foundation, P.O. Box 204,  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-0204*

**REMEMBER...the hide you save...may be your own!**

**CCF COMMUNITY SERVICE AD**

*Money to benefit Lambda Rights Network*



## COMMUNITY CALENDARING CELEBRATES 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

1 year ago, in July and August of 1986, 19 Gay and Lesbian groups met at the Central Library to help the Foundation develop its mission to the Community. As a result of those meetings, a group was launched to meet monthly to avoid duplication in scheduling events, to find a way to tell the community about non-bar activities, and to generally meet and get to know one another.

Since that time, the Cream City Foundation has acted as facilitator to call and arrange meetings, and to publish a monthly calendar of non-bar activities as a community service. The Foundation also set aside \$1200 for this purpose and the mailings.

We are taking stock of the past year, and talking to the groups meeting each month to get input on how to better the calendar, and the meetings.

Of course, any group which has not yet attended a calendaring session is urged to attend in the future. The goal is to have a representative from every Gay and Lesbian organization present.

Any organization can call Don Schwamb at 276-2204 or Warren Brei-tlow at 476-3777 for more details and meeting location. SEE You!!

The Community Calendar is distributed monthly to most bars—pick up a free copy.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS DOINGS

■ Individual Members of the Board of Directors donated over \$1500 towards Casino Night to assure the success of Casion Night '87. They believed so much in the event that they reached deeply into their own pockets to be sure it would be successful. Each put in hours of work to further assure success—Thanks loads for a working and contributing Board.

■ Terry Underberg has resigned from the Board. He will finish his Divinity degree at United Theologies Seminary in St. Paul this fall and is

moving from the area.

■ Another woman has been welcomed to Board membership. Stephanie Schwarz became a full member at the July meeting. She joins Julia Kleppin in helping the Foundation direct its efforts toward the needs and concerns of the lesbian community. Welcome, Stephanie!

■ Bob Melig has been appointed to the new position of Development and Public Relations for next year, and Chuck Brotz and Julia Kleppin as co-chairs of the Fund Raising Committee.

## NOW YOU HAVE



# A CHOICE

Did you know that the Foundation is one of the 12 Member agencies of A-Choice? As we enter our second year of membership, now you really do have "A-CHOICE."

The organization is a group of Advocacy Agencies banded together in what's called an Umbrella. Some Umbrellas you might be aware of are the United Fund, the Wisconsin Combined Health Appeal, and the

United Performing Arts Fund.

The purpose is to give YOU an alternative. You, the donor, have always had the right to designate how your gift will be allocated by United Fund, but it has never been easy to do so.

Through A-CHOICE and asking for a donor option card when you are solicited by your co-workers, you can easily designate the Cream City

Foundation as the agency you wish to support.

A-Choice is helping to publicize how such gifts can be designated. It works under a Board of Directors (Bob Melig is our Director) to make sure the funds get to the agencies designated, and to be sure that the advocacy organizations continue to be recognized as important community resources for Milwaukee.

This Fall make "A-Choice" through A-CHOICE...

Designations to the Cream City Foundation will be used to fund Cable TV, the anti-discrimination programs of the Foundation, as well as needed new and out-reach programs for our Community.

## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION UPDATE



■ Rawhide has raised \$87,000 to change the Wisconsin unique Gay Rights Law. We have approximately \$1000 to defend it. Being right doesn't always mean you'll win — today in America dollars speak loudly!

■ On a day to day basis the Legal Aid Society works for Gay Rights through its legal defense fund. Staff lawyers take on cases of job discrimination and meet with employers to solve homophobic firings. That fund is struggling with only about a \$1000 in resources—\$10-14,000 are desperately needed to make this a viable resource to which Gays can turn. 95% of the cases are settled out of court

with Legal Aid intervention.

■ The Foundation is seeking a Challenge Gift of a substantial nature to be matched by contributors to meet the above needs. Other needs exist in order to build a Community Anti-Discrimination effort in this time of trial.

We need everyone's help in donating so we can meet the needs. Your help in this is desperately needed.

■ The Lambda Rights Network has been organized to battle Rawhide and watchdog gay rights. Efforts are underway in churches and in the legislature to stop any change in the law. Keep it up Lambda!!

## THOUGHTS

Your Foundation, as depicted in this "Update", has taken on major programs for this Community—Cable access TV, anti-discrimination support, and Community Calendar-ing. Each of these is a challenge to us and in turn to this Community. It goes without saying that we need your support to keep these efforts going. Please be as generous as you can.

Most of these efforts work at modest investments because hundreds of volunteers give unselfishly of their time and effort for the rest of us.

The Foundation is aware of and wants to support as many new and out-reach programs as resources allow.

Especially through Calendar-ing, we stay in contact with many organizations. Each has its own purpose and fills a specific need in our Community.

It is our feeling that too few of us realize the vast diversification represented by the 30 or so organizations now active within this Community or the thousands of person-hours given each month to better our Community.

We salute these people and their sharing of talents. Starting with our next Community Calendar we will begin to print an in-depth story on one organization a month and an article on a Community leader. Both deserve our interest and respect for what these are accomplishing. Well done!!

The Editor

## GRANTS GIVEN AT CASINO NIGHT

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the proceeds to work for equality in the workplace for Gay and Lesbian employees fired by Homophobic employers. For every \$100 available 10 persons can be taken on as clients. A staff attorney gathers the facts of the case and meets with the employer to explain Wisconsin's law. This intervention results in rehiring of the employee in 95% of the cases. It's a great program that anyone of us might need oneday.

The UWM Gay and Lesbian Community sponsored a full week of activities during Gay Pride week on campus again this year. The Foundation's contribution allowed them to bring two of the major speakers from New York.

Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay AIDS projects were each presented with gifts, earmarked for the educational and direct patient support programs of the organizations.

These grants again demonstrate the continuing support of the Foundation for the many and diverse needs of Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community.

## GAY CABLE NETWORK

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work, which has been accepted as a committee of the Foundation Board, and will feature a magazine format. The program will depict as many positive aspects of our life-style as possible within the time available.

"We have a vibrant and active community which has a healthy and interesting life and that's what will be depicted," said Bob Melig Development Chairman of the Foundation.

The Cream City Foundation raises funds in the Gay & Lesbian community, and grants those funds to encourage "Building Community" through new and outreach programs of established non-profit Gay and Lesbian organizations.

## EDITORIAL— THE NEW EPIDEMIC

This isn't another gay rights advocate who said this recently, but rather Mayor Harold Washington at the 1987 Gay Pride Parade.

"Today the Gay and Lesbian Community is facing some of its greatest challenges. People who would deny you your Civil Rights use AIDS to escalate their bigotry. I hope I can put some sense to the debate."

The Foundation chose anti-discrimination as its Major Emphasis Program for '87 as we saw Bishop Hunthausen stripped of Power, ousted from Catholic University, and the Rawhide Issue. Now Dignity is under attack here in Milwaukee and is banned from Catholic Churches in

Chicago—and can it be far behind for Lutherans United, the MCC and others?

Meanwhile, a new Epidemic of "Gay-bashing" is taking place across the U.S. The National Gay Task Force has set up a National Network because the incidents are so numerous.

This new Epidemic is not new, but newly flourishing.

What can we do about Discrimination—the 2nd Epidemic?

■ **Recognize** that it's here. Hiding our heads on AIDS didn't make it go away—this Epidemic won't either.

■ **Organize** must be the key word. We have significant challenges ahead of us to "our" Gay Rights Law. Its defeat or partial defeat gives new hope to the reactionaries and opens

up a crack that can become a chasm.

■ **Support** with Funds those who are working to battle each occurrence. Whether we like it or not, it takes "Bread" to publish a small newsletter, or buy stamps and permits. The Foundation's Anti-Discrimination Fund is for that purpose.

■ **Plan.** Groups like the Legal Aid Society, Lambda Rights Network, Dignity—who are uniquely able to articulate positions on their and ultimately "our" issues, need to create succinct plans to defend our rights. Organizations such as ACLU must be networked with.

We have two Epidemics through the Gay Community—AIDS and Discrimination. Your help, your funds and your concern must be equally thoughtful.

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## CREAM CITY FOUNDATION

I strongly believe in accepting responsibility for making life better for myself and others of my community. To that end, I would like to pledge my support to the C.C.F. in its efforts.

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